

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Andrew R. Osborn

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Examiner: Strange, Aaron N.

Title: DISTRIBUTION MULTIPROCESSING SYSTEM

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

On November 3, 2006, Applicant's Representative, Sam Haidle, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Aaron Strange.

Independent claims 1 and 19 and U.S. Patent No. 5,884,046 to Antonov were specifically discussed. In particular, Applicant discussed the overall functionality of the subject invention verses the functionality of Antonov. In addition, terms that could be used, other than "data", to differentiate the subject invention from the invention disclosed in Antonov were discussed. The Examiner agreed that the capturing of a signal having an instantaneous value, such as an instantaneous measured value from the testing of a vehicle, is distinguishable from the 'messages' of Antonov. These discussions related to the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner.

An agreement as to the allowance of any of the claims was not reached. However, Applicant has prepared an Amendment replacing the term "data" with the term 'instantaneous value' in the independent and dependent claims to distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art of record. The instantaneous value, as defined in the independent claims, is found in a signal captured by a processor during the processing of information. A copy of the Amendment is being filed herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the Application is presented in condition for

allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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